As regards supply of natural gas to Rajasthan through trunk pipeline, GAIL has commissioned Vijaipur-Kota pipeline in January 2007. GAIL has also been issued authorization for Chhainsa-Gurgaon-Jajjhar-Hissar pipeline, passing close to Alwar in Rajasthan.

Oil potential of KG Basin

807. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Krishna-Godavari Basin has the potential of reserves of about 12 years as first flow of oil from the D6 Block of RIL in September, 2008 is an indication;

(b) if so, by when the peak production of estimated 5.5 lakh barrels of oil and gas per day is expected; and

(c) the present ratio of domestic production and imported petroleum products to meet the country's energy needs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. As per the production profile, the reserves will be evacuated in about 12 years.

(b) Peak production of gas is likely to be achieved by the year 2012 @ 80 MMSCMD (5.7 lakh barrels of oil equivalent).

(c) During April-December, 2008 the ratio of domestic production and imported petroleum products was 7.95:1.

Recruitment in ONGC

808. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware about the notification No. S.O. 4076 and 4077 *vide* which employment of contract labour in various works specified in the Scheduled annexed thereto was; prohibited on 8th September, 1994;

(b) if so, why various assets in Gujarat have recruited or employed labour through contactors in various categories of Typists, Clerks, Store-Keepers, Boiler Operators, Helper, Drivers, etc. either on term base or regular contractual basis; and

(c) what action is taken against the offices who have violated the Labour Ministry's prohibition regarding employment of above categories in Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) have reported that they do not engage contract workers directly for their activities. However, ONGC awards certain

categories of works/jobs to contractors through Job/Service contracts with complete responsibilities for performance of either specialized services or low-tech jobs and has not awarded any contract for performance of jobs prohibited by the Ministry of Labour.

IPI pipeline deal

809. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's stand now on the India-Pakistan-Iran pipeline deal in the current scenario, post 26/11 attack;

(b) whether the deal includes insurance against disruption of gas supplies;

(c) if so, the details thereof and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Energy security is an important policy objective of the Government. Government remains committed to the IPI gas pipeline and other projects, which are financially viable and in which security of supply is assured. Government is seeking long-term viability of the Project on the basis of equal sharing of risks and benefits of the Project.

(b) Agreements relating to the Project have not yet been finalized. While signing the agreements, it will be ensured that the agreements have adequate safeguard against disruption of gas supply.

(c) and (d) Do not arise, in view of (b) above.

LPG supply in Uttarakhand

†810. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of LPG being supplied in Uttarakhand every year by Government; and

(b) the total number of LPG connections at present in the country and the State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that they have supplied 130 Thousand Metric Tonnes (TMT), 136 TMT and 104 TMT of domestic LPG in the State of Uttarakhand during the year 2006-07, 2007-08 and April, 2008 to December, 2008 respectively.

(b) As on 01.01.2009, OMCs are serving 1047.726 lakh LPG customers in the country. The State-wise details are given in the Statement.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.